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Dear Licensee:

As you may know, Governor Christie Whitman recently signed legislation that strengthened the criminal penalties for possessing and selling the "club drug" Ecstasy.

Ecstasy is fast becoming a drug of choice among young people, in particular, those who patronize "rave" parties, as well as nightclubs and other establishments licensed by the State Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC).

Taken in response to the rising popularity and harmful effects of the drug, the recent action taken by the Governor signals the start of a combined law enforcement and public awareness effort designed to stem the use of this illicit -- and extremely dangerous -- drug.

To that end, as a liquor licensee I am asking that you remain vigilant in your efforts to ensure that your establishment remains free of illicit drug use. If you suspect that any illegal drug activity is taking place in your establishment, please contact both local law enforcement and the State Police, ABC Enforcement Bureau, at 732-264-6300.

As part of this overall effort to combat the use of Ecstasy, stepped up undercover enforcement efforts will take place in licensed establishments throughout the State. Strict penalties may be imposed against any establishments that are found to have illicit drug use on the premises. Those penalties can include a lengthy suspension, or revocation of your license.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation in addressing this growing problem. Working together, we can ensure the integrity of New Jersey's liquor licenses, while also working to protect all citizens from the very dangerous impact of illicit drug use.

Very truly yours,

Jerry Fischer  
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